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FM AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0724

INFO AMEMBASSY ATHENS PRIORITY

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AMEMBASSY MADRID PRIORITY

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AMEMBASSY PARIS PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY VALLETTA PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CPAS, LY

SUBJECT: ARABIC IN U.S. PASSPORTS

REF: STATE 220926 AND 222226

1. WE PROCURED RUBBER STAMP WEEK AGO AND HAVE USED IT EXTENSIVELY.

2. WOULD POINT OUT THAT: A) FORM OF RUBBER STAMP IS OF NO INTEREST TO IMMIGRATION OFFICERS AT LIBYAN PORTS OF ENTRY; IN OUR EXPERIENCE THEY HAVE NOT EVEN LOOKED AT IT. B) FORM OF RUBBER STAMP MAY BE OF INTEREST TO VISA-ISSUING OFFICERS, BUT IT DOUBTFUL THEY HAVE ALL BEEN CIRCULATED WITH CLEAR-CUT INSTRUCTIONS ON WHAT TO REQUIRE. C) ANY STAMP THEY ACCEPT WHEN ISSUING VISA IS IPSO FACTO ACCEPTABLE IN FORM. D) FACT THAT LIBYAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON IS REQUESTING CHANGES NEED NOT BE TAKEN TOO SERIOUSLY UNLESS AND UNTIL IT STOPS ISSUING VISAS BECAUSE OF ALLEGED INADEQUACY OF THE STAMP.

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E) IN ANY CASE, OTHER LIBYAN EMBASSIES SHOULD NOT BE

ALLOWED TO GAIN THE IMPRESSION THAT WE OURSELVES  
THINK THERE IS ANYTHING INADEQUATE ABOUT OUR PRESENT  
STAMP; OTHERWISE CONFUSION WILL ENSUE AND WE MAY BE

TRAPPED INTO RESTAMPING PASSPORTS ALREADY STAMPED.

3. ON BALANCE, HAVE NO BASIC OBJECTION TO ISSUANCE  
OF NEW RUBBER STAMP BY DEPT. AT MINIMUM, HOWEVER,  
URGE WE STRONGLY RESIST ANY NOTION THAT PASSPORTS  
ALREADY STAMPED MUST NOW BE RESTAMPED.

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